

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

As the Christmas holidays approach, and the usual safeguarding contacts will not be available to families, just a reminder that anyone can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub if they have concerns about a child's safety. The number is:- 0345 155 1071, their website is :- [www.devon.gov.uk/childprotection](http://www.devon.gov.uk/childprotection).

## CHRISTMAS FILM TRIP

The film the children will be watching next week at the cinema will be Despicable Me 3 (U), not Paddington 2 as previously thought. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

## FOSM'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please can you return any ticket stubs and money, or unsold tickets, to school no later than Wednesday morning. There are more tickets available if you are able to sell some more. The raffle will be drawn in the school during the refreshments after the Christmas Concert.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair last week – it was a very successful and busy event!

## CHRISTMAS BROADCASTS AND OTHER EVENTS!

Our choir will be live on Radio Devon in a broadcast from Buckfast Abbey next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, between 4 and 4.45pm when they will be singing three carols.

Four other children will be attending Buckfast Abbey next Thursday evening when they will be taking part in the Christmas Service which will be broadcast on Radio Devon on Christmas Day. They have been asked for their own thoughts on the next thousand years and have prepared their own readings. The service is being broadcast from the Abbey at the start of its millennium year which celebrates one thousand years of a monastic presence at Buckfast.

Thank you to parents / carers who brought the children to the Christmas Fair at Buckfastleigh on Wednesday – all the choir turned up which was especially pleasing to see and your support with this was very much appreciated.

Unfortunately it was a bit of a squeeze under the gazebo but they still gave a great performance and we have had lots of compliments on their behaviour and singing.

They will be singing for the residents of St Andrew's House next week, another event which is very much appreciated by the wider community.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, will be a non – uniform day in return for a £1 donation to Save the Children Fund. The children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or an ordinary jumper “jazzed up” for Christmas!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Choir - St Andrew's House  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Fernworthy to Abbey for Christmas Story, 11.00 – 12 noon  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 3.45pm, Carol Service, Buckfast Abbey  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – EY & KS1 Cinema Trip (am)  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Cinema Trip (am)  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Pupils return  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half term  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Pupils return  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Meldon	94.74%
Venford	97.73%
Fernworthy	100.0%
Burrator	92.67%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>95.98%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.38%</b>

**This Year's Target - 96%**

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “Our lives are filled with God's love.”